



## **Indiana Professional Standards Board**

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# **MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Indiana Professional Standards Board

From: Marie Theobald, Executive Director

Date: September 17, 2003

Re: Jeffrey J. Jankowski – Request for License Denied  
SSN: 310-72-8677

On December 19, 2002, Mr. Jankowski submitted his application for an Indiana Teaching, Administration, or School Services License and by a letter dated February 18, 2002, he was informed that his application was denied because his record showed that he had two (2) felony convictions for driving while suspended as an habitual traffic offender and a misdemeanor conviction for driving while intoxicated.

At the request of Mr. Jankowski, a hearing on his appeal of that decision was scheduled for April 29, 2003, before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). Mr. Jankowski's appeal for his Indiana Teaching, Administration, or School Services License was denied by ALJ, Ralph Komaskinski by "Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Final Order," dated May 21, 2003. Copies of which are attached. Mr. Jankowski, by his counsel has filed his "Petitioner's Objections to Order," a copy of which is also attached for the Board's consideration.

The statute which sets forth the offenses for which a license may be revoked or suspended are Indiana Code 20-6.1-3-7 and it provides the board may revoke a license for "immorality; misconduct in office; in competency (sic); or willful neglect of duty." In addition, 515 Indiana Administrative Code 1-2-18(b)(3) includes "drug related offenses" among those for which a license may be denied. Also, 515 Indiana Administrative Code 1-2-18(h) permits the consideration of "the likelihood the conduct or offense adversely affected, or would affect students or fellow teachers and the degree of adversity anticipated" and also allows the consideration of the "extenuating or aggravating circumstances surrounding the conduct or offense."

### Recommendation:

The staff recommends that the Board overrule Mr. Jankowski's objections and accept, approve and uphold the denial by the IPSB Executive Director and the ALJ.

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